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## SENATOR WILLESEE TO LEAD AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO DAC MEETING IN PARIS

The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Whitlam, said today that the Minister Assisting the Foreign Minister, Senator Willesee, would lead the Australian delegation to the High Level Meeting of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the OECD in Paris on 18 and 19 October.

The DAC is concerned with encouraging the flow of assistance to developing countries. The High Level Meeting, the annual policy meeting of the Committee, will review the Committee's work program and discuss the major issues facing aid donors and recipients.

Mr Whitlam said that the impending changes in the structure of Australian aid administration and the review scheduled to be carried out this year by DAC on Australia's aid performance made it particularly appropriate that Senator Willesee should lead the delegation to this important international aid meeting.